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Washington, D.C. 20554

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Dear Mr. Curtis:

Pursuant to Title IV of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, section 225(f)(2) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. § 225(f)(2), and section 64.605(b) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 64.605(b), the Application of the State of Washington for certification of its Telecommunications Relay Services (TRS) program, Application No. TRS-27-02; (WASHINGTON), is hereby **GRANTED**, in accordance with the condition described below. On the basis of its application, the Commission has determined that:

- (1) the TRS program of the State of Washington meets or exceeds all operational, technical, and functional minimum standards contained in section 64.604 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 64.604;
- (2) the state's program makes available adequate procedures and remedies for enforcing the requirements of the state program; and
- (3) the state's program in no way conflicts with federal law.

The Commission also has determined that the State of Washington's intrastate funding mechanism is labeled in a manner that promotes national understanding of TRS and does not offend the public, consistent with section 64.605(d) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 64.605(d).

On February 17, 2000, the Commission adopted a Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking that made changes to the TRS rules and proposed additional ways to enhance the quality of existing telecommunications relay services (TRS) and expand those services for better use by individuals with speech disabilities. See Telecommunications Relay Services and Speech-to-Speech Services for Individuals with Hearing and Speech Disabilities, CC Docket No. 98-67, FCC 98-67, FCC 98-90 (rel. Mar. 6, 2000). Because the Commission may adopt further changes to the rules governing relay programs, including state relay programs, the certification granted herein is conditioned on a demonstration of compliance with any new rules ultimately adopted by the Commission. The Commission will provide guidance to the states on demonstrating compliance with such rule changes.

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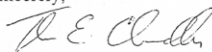
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This certification, as conditioned herein, shall remain in effect for a five year period, beginning July 26, 2003, and ending July 25, 2008, pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 64.605(c). One year prior to the expiration of this certification, July 25, 2007, the State of Washington may apply for renewal of its TRS program certification by filing documentation in accordance with the Commission's rules, pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §§ 64.605(a) and (b).

Sincerely,



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NOTICE OF CERTIFICATION OF STATE TELECOMMUNICATIONS RELAY SERVICE (TRS) PROGRAMS CC DOCKET NO. 98-67

Notice is hereby given that the applications for certification of state Telecommunication Relay Services (TRS) programs of the states listed below have been granted, subject to the condition described below, pursuant to Title IV of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), 47 U.S.C. § 225(f)(2), and section 64.605(b) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 64.605(b). The Commission will provide further Public Notice of the certification of the remaining applications for certification once final review of those states' submissions has been completed. On the basis of the state applications, the Commission has determined that:

- (1) The TRS program of the states meet or exceed all operational, technical, and functional minimum standards contained in section 64.604 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 64.604;
- (2) The TRS programs of the listed states make available adequate procedures and remedies for enforcing the requirements of the state program; and
- (3) The TRS programs of the listed states in no way conflict with federal law.

The Commission also has determined that, where applicable, the intrastate funding mechanisms of the listed states are labeled in a manner that promotes national understanding of TRS and does not offend the public, consistent with section 64.605(d) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 64.605(d).

Because the Commission may adopt changes to the rules governing relay programs, including state relay programs, the certification granted herein is conditioned on a demonstration of compliance with the new rules adopted and any additional new rules that are adopted by the Commission. The Commission will provide guidance to the states on demonstrating compliance with such rule changes.

This certification, as conditioned herein, shall remain in effect for a five year period, beginning July 26, 2003, and ending July 25, 2008, pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 64.605(c). One year prior to the expiration of this certification, July 25, 2007, the states may apply for renewal of their TRS program certification by filing documentation in accordance with the Commission's rules, pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §§ 64.605(a) and (b).

FIRST GROUP OF STATES APPROVED FOR CERTIFICATION

File No: TRS-46-02

Alabama Public Service Commission
State of Alabama

File No: TRS-47-02

Commission for the Deaf and Hearing Impaired
State of Arkansas

File No: TRS-32-02

California Public Utilities Commission
State of California

File No: TRS-04-02

Commission of the Deaf and Hearing Impaired
State of Connecticut

File No: TRS-49-02

District of Columbia Public Service Commission
District of Columbia

File No: TRS-43-02

Idaho Public Service Commission
State of Idaho

File No: TRS-08-02

Indiana Telephone Relay Access
State of Indiana

File No: TRS-52-02

Kentucky Public Service Commission
State of Kentucky

File No: TRS-53-02

Maine Public Utilities Commission
State of Maine

File No: TRS 37-02

Telecommunications Access Minnesota
State of Minnesota

File No: TRS-15-02

Missouri Public Utilities Commission
State of Missouri

File No: TRS-40-02

Nebraska Public Service Commission
State of Nebraska

File No: TRS-19-02

Alaska Public Utilities Commission
State of Alaska

File No: TRS-02-02

Arizona Council for Hearing Impaired
State of Arizona

File No: TRS-23-02

Colorado Public Utilities Commission
State of Colorado

File No: TRS-32-02

State of Delaware Public Service Commission
State of Delaware

File No: TRS-50-02

Florida Public Utilities Commission
State of Florida

File No: TRS-10-02

Illinois Commerce Commission
State of Illinois

File No: TRS-03-02

Iowa Utilities Board
State of Iowa

File No: TRS-13-02

Louisiana Administration Board
State of Louisiana

File No: TRS-33-02

Maryland Department of Budget and Management
State of Maryland

File No: TRS-55-02

Mississippi Public Service Commission
State of Mississippi

File No: TRS-56-02

Telecommunications Access Service
State of Montana

File No: TRS-25-02

Dept. of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation
State of Nevada

File No: TRS-42-02

New Hampshire Public Service Commission
State of New Hampshire

File No: TRS-16-02

New York State Department of Public Service
State of New York

File No: TRS-12-02

North Dakota Information Services Division
State of North Dakota

File No: TRS-57-02

Oklahoma Telephone Association
State of Oklahoma

File No: TRS-58-02

Pennsylvania Public Utilities Commission
State of Pennsylvania

File No: TRS-20-02

Tennessee Regulatory Authority
State of Tennessee

File No: TRS-09-02

Division of Public Utilities
State of Utah

File No: TRS-04-02

Virginia Public Service Commission
State of Virginia

File No: TRS-06-02

West Virginia Public Service Commission
State of West Virginia

File No: TRS-18-02

Wyoming Department of Administration
State of Wyoming

File No: TRS-14-02

Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
State of New Mexico

File No: TRS-30-02

Department of Health and Human Services
State of North Carolina

File No: TRS-37-02

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
State of Ohio

File No: TRS-36-02

Oregon Public Utilities Commission
State of Oregon

File No: TRS-60-02

Department of Human Services
State of South Dakota

File No: TRS-03-02

Public Utility Commission of Texas
State of Texas

File No: TRS-44-02

Department of Public Service
State of Vermont

File No: TRS-27-02

Department of Social and Health Services
State of Washington

File No: TRS-01-02

Wisconsin Department of Administration
State of Wisconsin

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